Thursday, *the* $\frac{\textit{16th December 1943}}{\textit{1st Dhanu 1119}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. BOAG, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. V. J. Mathai, A. L. Antony, H. J. Walmesley, C. K.S. Moni and Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

AYURVEDIC MEDICINES—NON-AVAILABILITY OF

40. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether ഭൈമുലാരിഷ്ടം and ആസവാരിഷ്ടങ്ങൾ were available at the Sales Depot of the Ayurvedic Department at Ernakulam during the last week of Thulam 1119;

(*b*) if not, what is the reason for the non-availability?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: (*a*) ഭൈമുലാരിഷ്ടം was not available and there was stock of ആസവാരിഷ്ടങ്ങൾ for sale;

(*b*) The stock of ഭൈമുലാരിഷ്ടം had run short by the time, and it had to be replenished from the Central Store at Trichur.

FRESH APPOINTMENTS IN TALUK OFFICES—SERIOUS PREJUDICE TO WORK

41. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the serious sufferance of work in the Taluk Offices due to the importation of hands unknown to revenue work into these offices;

(*b*) if the Government are not yet fully convinced will it please the Government to call for a report from the Diwan Peishkar in this behalf;

(*c*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative will Government be pleased to state whether they will be good enough to take away the power of appointment to this Department at least from the Staff Selection Board without violating the principle of Communal representation principle?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) No. In any well-managed office it should be possible so to arrange work that it does not suffer by the appointment of a few fresh hands from time to time.

(*b*) There is no need to call for a report from the Diwan Peishkar on this subject.

(*c*) Government regret that the suggestion cannot be accepted.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the Revenue Department is not one which requires some special experience in the despatch of work.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: In all offices work to some extent is mechanical.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: How many clerks are there in the Chittur Office?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It will be about five or six.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Have the Government received any complaint from the Head of the Taluk Office that the frequent changes in their staff is dislocating the work and they are causing some trouble?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The difficulty to manage with fresh hands is common in all Departments and it is not particular to one Department alone. As a matter of fact in the Secretariat there are quite a number of hands who are engaged recently. Somehow or other we are training them up and managing with them. That is the only way to do.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know where there is not extreme delay in the despatch of work in the Taluk Office at Vadakkancheri?

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